

**Resolution 2017-10**  
**A Resolution to Reaffirm a Citywide Commitment for**  
**Clean Water and Water Resource Protection**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hot Springs, South Dakota, that we are committed to preserving and maintaining the amount and quality of water for the citizens of Hot Springs and its surrounding environs, and

Whereas: The City of Hot Springs was first developed as a town in the late 1800's due to its proximity to the Fall River and the abundant natural warm mineral springs within the valley, and

Whereas: The City of Hot Springs has made long-term investments in stormwater management, potable water systems and wastewater management programs and infrastructure to reduce nutrients and pollution in our waters and to protect our vital water resources, and

Whereas: The Common Council is obligated to preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare by preventing the pollution of, and maintaining the quality of the water entering in, held within and removed from aquifers serving as the City's water source, and

Whereas: The City of Hot Springs has stated in its water ordinance that our mission is to provide the City's water customers with a safe drinking water supply, water for fire protection and an adequate supply of water for our essential daily needs, and

Whereas: The City of Hot Springs Common Council finds that any pollution or contamination, willful or not, of our water supply to be a direct threat to our community and its health, safety and welfare, and

Therefore: Be it resolved that the City of Hot Springs will take necessary action to ensure the perpetual purity and quality of the waters available for use by the citizens of Hot Springs and those the City distributes water to, and

Therefore: Commit to support any action from the County, State or Federal Governments aimed at protecting the waters of South Dakota, both surface water and underground aquifers, as a critical natural resource necessary for life.